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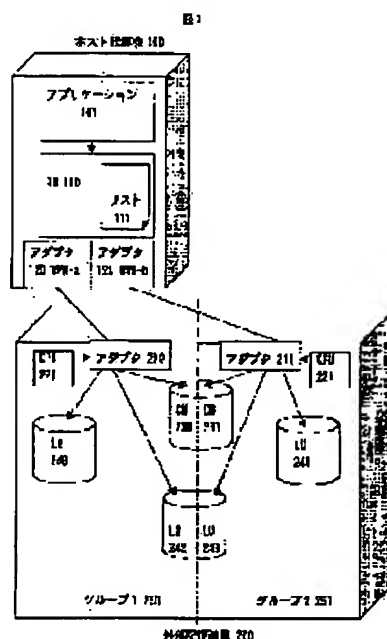
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(54) EXTERNAL STORAGE DEVICE

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To improve the security and the degree of freedom in security and operation in the case of connecting at least one external storage device with at least one host computer.

SOLUTION: The external storage device 200 answers an Inquiry obtained by adding extension LUN information to a normal answer with respect to the Inquiry of the host computer 100. The host computer 100 prepares the list 111 of the extension LUN information and prohibits the access to CM 230 and 231 except for the LUN in the list to improve the security of coupling operation. Since LU recognized by the host computer 100 can be operated from either of CM 230 and 231, the degree of freedom is improved compared with that of a conventional means.



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